

ARDSLEY MADE THE CHAMPIONS FIGHT

EAST ARDSLEY UNITED 117, WAKEFIELD (for 9 wkts.) 118

In one of the most exciting finishes ever seen at Jeffrey Field, Wakefield beat East Ardsley United by a wicket on Saturday, but the newly-promoted club gave the champions more than one shock on their way to full points.

With only two deliveries to go before the drawing of stumps for the day the score was 117 runs each, Ardsley having made their tally in 42.3 overs, and Wakefield equalising in 49.1 overs, their six tail-ender batsmen having scored only nine runs between them.

In fact, the only two Wakefield batsmen to show real resistance against the home attack were sixth wicket partners J. V. Wilson (20) and R. Mayhew (55 not out), who raised the total to 83 from 38 before the former was bowled by former Morley player C. Phillips.

SNORTER

The next to the last delivery from Gerald Farrar, a real snorter, completely beat Mayhew, but it also beat John Dews, the home 'keeper, and this single bye sealed the win for Wakefield and increased to 15 the score credited to "Mr. Extras."

A. Taylor (14), who went to the crease with opener Colley (1) was Wakefield's only other double-figure scorer.

Farrar's bowling return was 2 for 35, C. Phillips had 4 for 25 and Bob Pearson 1 for 10.

POOR START

Ardsley had made a poor start at batting with their openers back in the pavilion for only six runs, but John Heald (14) and G. Farrar (16) showed that the Wakefield attack could at least be parried for a while.

Their example was followed by sixth man Bob Pearson (36) and eighth in J. Moyser, who enjoyed a lively stand of 46 before the former was caught. Moyser (24 not out) and John Dews (9) finally made the total into the near winning one of 117.

As Ardsley did later, Wakefield tried five bowlers of whom the wicket takers were A. Wright 4 for 27 and J. Lawrence 4 for 63.

Though Ardsley were beaten they were by no means disgraced against a champion side including two former County players, Vic Wilsor and Johnny Lawrence. Details:

EAST ARDSLEY UNITED.—Wallis, a and b Wright, 3; Mitchell, st. White b Lawrence, 1; Heald, b Wright, 14; Farrar, run out, 16; Leathley, c Colley b Lawrence, 0; Pearson, c Taylor b Lawrence, 36; Lamming, b Wright, 8; Moyser, b Wright, 24; Robinson, not out, 3; Phillips, run out 0; Dews, c H. Scott b Lawrence, 9; extras, 3. Total, 117.

WAKEFIELD.—M. Colley, lbw b Phillips, 1; A. Taylor, b Farrar, 14; H. Atkinson, c Dews b Farrar, 4; J. V. Wilson, b Phillips, 20; R. Mayhew, not out, 55; A. Boothroyd, run out, 0; J. Lawrence, st. Dews 1 Pearson 0 H. Scott run out, 0; J. Scott, b Phillips, 1; A. Wright, lbw b Phillips, 6; P. White, not out, 3; extras, 15. Total (for 9 wkts.), 118.

Bowling.—Wakefield: Wright, 14—3—27—4; Lawrence, 18.3—2—63—4; Atkinson, 4—3—4—0; Mayhew, 3—0—13—0; J. Scott, 3—1—7—0. East Ardsley: G. Farrar, 18.3—6—35—2; C. Phillips, 20—6—25—4; Robinson 4—1—12—0; J. Moyser, 3—0—21—0; R. Pearson, 4—1—10—1

HENRY WILSON'S REPORT

Drighlington and Staincliffe is the match chosen by Henry Wilson for his special report on Saturday.